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TO AMCONSUL ASMARA

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SUBJ: ENTY NAVCOMMUNIT ASMARA MILITARY & CONTRACT PERSONNEL

REF: ASMARA 0581

1. CONSUL SPOKE WITH ATO WORKU TESFA, CHIEF OF IMMIGRATION RE PROBLEM DESCRIBED REFTTEL. ATO WORKU STATED THAT HIS OFFICE HAS ISSUED NO DIRECTIVE TO ASMARA IMMIGRATION FORBIDDING ISSUANCE I. D. CARDS TO DOD PERSONNEL NOR, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, HAS ANY SUCH ORDER COME FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY HERE. HE SUGGESTED ISSUE BE RAISED WITH BG GETACHEW NADEW WHO HAS JURISDICTION OVER ASMARA IMMIGRATION POLICES.

2. WE BELIEVE THIS PROBLEM MAY HAVE RESULTED FROM DIFFICULTIES AT TIME OF ASMARA EVACUATION. WE UNDERSTAND ADDIS AUTHORITIES GAVE ASMARA SLAP ON WRIST FOR DIFFERENT VISA POLICIES WHICH WERE REVEALED WHEN WE ATTEMPTED ASSIST DOD EVACUEES TO DEPART COUNTRY WITH ID CARDS AND
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WITHOUT EXIT VISAS PER TREATY PROVISIONS. ADDIS IMMIGRATION

SEEMED UNAWARE OF TREATY UNTIL WE POINTED IT OUT AND EVEN
SUPPLIED AIRPORT OFFICIALS WITH COPY. SINCE THAT TIME, ADDIS
AUTHORITIES HAVE RECOGNIZED TREATY BUT ASMARA IMMIGRATION MAY
BE OVERCAUTIOUS AS A RESULT OF PREVIOUS REPRIMAND.

3. RE TOURIST VISA REQUIREMENT UPON ENTRY, ACCORDING ATO
WORKU, THIS STANDARD PROCEDURE UNTIL INDIVIDUAL HAS RECEIVED
ID CARD AS DESCRIBED ARTICLE XIV, PARA 2 OF AGREEMENT.
FROM THEN ON, ENTRY/EXIT VISA REQUIREMENTS DO NOT APPLY,
ACCORDING ADDIS IMMIGRATION INTERPRETATION.
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